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¶1. (C) Ambassador met March 6 with Foreign Minister Shaykh Dr. Mohammed al-Sabah (other topics septels). During the meeting, the Minister asked about Saddam Hussein and Ali Hassan al-Majid ("Chemical Ali"). The Ambassador explained that Saddam is in solitary confinement and being interviewed; Ali is in a similar situation but under British control, because he was caught in the British sector.

¶2. (C) The Minister stressed that Kuwait has a "special interest" in Ali, who governed Kuwait with such brutality during the Iraqi occupation. He noted that the GOK had recently named Professor Mohammed Buzubar to be a legal expert to the Iraqi Special Tribunal (reftel).

¶3. (U) CPA minimize considered.

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